

LABOR IS ORGANIZING

New Unions Voluntarily Apply for Charters From Internationals.

ENGRAVERS AND "COBBLERS"

Tobacco Workers to Hold Open Meeting—C. T. and L. C. on Tuesday Night.

"Thoroughly organized" without the assistance of an international organizer may be propitiously applied to the labor organizations of Richmond.

With every trade thoroughly organized to a unit, there has been additions, though small in number, that will prove factors to the strength of unionism, added to the organization last week. With a strength of between 5,000 and 10,000 in numbers the unions of this city cannot be exaggerated, and with a constant addition to the numbers these figures will be greatly augmented before Father Time shall have pointed to the dial announcing the passing of the year 1904.

As before stated, trades that are the least thought of have resolved themselves into bodies politic, so to speak, and have received from their independence in the move benefits from all sources that even surprised the most faint hearted in the move.

"Organization," said Labor Commissioner Doherty, at the session of the State Federation in Norfolk last month, "is one of the strongholds of unionism," and it seems from the activity in Richmond the wise counselling of Mr. Doherty in his brief sentence seems to have gone forth from mountain to sea over the broad expanse of the Old Dominion.

Knocking at the Door.

During the past week two trades seldom heard of have voluntarily organized, which shows that a spirit of unionism yet exists in the old Southland.

Hereafter the cuts used in the publication of an up-to-date newspaper in this city, or in any city within a radius of one hundred miles, can bear the label of the Photo Engravers' Union if the "consumer" so desires; hereafter all loyal union men and women, who wear under the sole of their old shoes, which any one is reluctant to throw away, the label of the Shoe Repairs' Union.

These two are recent adjuncts to the ranks of labor organizations of Richmond.

Both unions are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and will therefore become active in the associations of labor organizations of this city and potent factors in the deliberations of the Central Trades and Labor Council.

Shoemakers Organize.

Fourteen of the twenty-five men employed as cobblers are among the charter members of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union of this city. The word "cobblers" applies to those who are employed on the bench in repair work and who are equal to the task of "new work."

The officers of the new organization are, Mr. Henry H. Mensing, president, and Mr. H. J. Hies, secretary-treasurer.

Arrangements have been made for the hanging of the charter in Sparks and Black's Hall on next Wednesday, when the most prominent of the local speakers in the ranks of organized labor will be present, and will address the new organization on the tenets of the movement.

Speaking of the new organization, Secretary Hies, who has traveled all over the country, said last night, "I have been to the Golden Gate of San Francisco, making stops in all the large cities, and have never found the conditions as propitious in any city as they are in Richmond to-day."

Organizations here seem to be perfect, and if our little local will lend an aid to cement the wall, you will not find us wanting. The label of the new union is shown in the art in connection with this column, and the blank space left for the number at the bottom will be supplied by the local secretary, which will be reckoned by the number of employees working in each shop. The label will be put on the hat sole if that portion is necessary to be repaired, and if only a heel is needed, the label will be impressed on that portion of the shoe. Window cards will be displayed indicating the shops that employ members of the new union.

LET PICK UP COME HERE

Photo Engravers, No. 36.

The photograph engravers' while only wean in number, have formed a union and are now affiliated with the International Photo Engravers' Union of America. The union was organized in Philadelphia, but not until recently did the charter come. Up to a short while ago the engravers were affiliated with the International Typographical Union. Since severing their connection, the International has been busy organizing locals and starting them out. While the membership of No. 36 sounds small, it includes every engraver in the city. The union is now affiliated with the Allied Printing Trades Council, and with the delegates to the Central Trades and Labor Council. The union will meet regularly the first Thursday in each month at No. 501 1-2 East Franklin Street.

The officers are: President, W. W. Finkbeiner; vice-president, F. D. Gann;



A Message

for You

Your order for clothes should be placed without delay,

and because we turn out perfect-fitting, up-to-date Made-to-Order garments at the price of ready-made clothing, we think this is the shop for you to favor.

Serges are ready. Serges in Blacks and Blues, Rough Serges, Smooth Serges, Wide-Wale Serges, Narrow Twill Serges—all await your inspection.

Suits to order, \$15 to \$25.

About fifty styles of Spring Suitings, that we want to close out rapidly; they are in the way of summer goods; prices were \$18 to \$25. Take your choice of the lot,

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Do not forget—We always sell Trousers at cost. Regular \$6.50 to \$10 values always go here,

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The Tobacco Workers.

Inspiring indeed is the scene presented to the visitor at the meetings of the Tobacco Workers' Union (white). One sees about three ladies to every man in this branch of labor. Every member, that is lady member, takes an interest in the welfare of her union, and would be an inspiration to many of the sterner sex who claim to be staunch advocates of the movement.

The local organization met last Friday night in Smith's Hall and decided to hold an open meeting on June 18th, at which time an elaborate programme of music and oratory will be rendered. Eighty per cent. of the membership of this union is composed of ladies who are employed in the different branches of the manufacture of chewing and smoking tobacco in the factories of this city.

Central Trades and Labor Council

The semi-monthly meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council will be held on Tuesday night in Elliott's Hall at 8 o'clock.

There is nothing of special interest scheduled to occupy the attention of the body, but it is expected that a committee will be named to devise a suitable plan for the celebration of Labor Day this year, and the delegates will probably discuss the manner in which the holiday should be spent.

At the next meeting of the council on June 21st, the semi-annual election of officers will be held.

Mr. Hurley Visits Richmond.

Mr. Elmer Hurley, formerly president of Lodge No. 10, of machinists, of this city, was in the city last week. Mr. Hurley is now engaged in farming near Bushing, Middlesex county. His new avocation has been a great benefit to his health and a source of remuneration to his purse.

Delegate Reports to Musicians.

The local Federation of Musicians met last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Concordia Hall. Mr. J. Thomas Pulling, delegate to the International Federation, which met in New York city two weeks ago, made an interesting report of the proceedings of the body, explaining the

new laws enacted and their bearing on the locals throughout the country. The Federation of the New York contemplate the erection in the near future of a \$25,000 home. The convention met in the New Amsterdam Opera House, and was composed of about 400 delegates representing every section of the country. Mr. Pulling reported that the delegates were elegantly entertained by the local unions. Several side trips and an elaborate banquet went to make up the programme.

Chicago Typographical Union, No. 16, through its president, Edwin R. Wright, has inaugurated a series of lectures to the apprentices of the printing offices of the city. The lectures have thus far proven a source of great benefit to the beginners and they have shown a deep interest in the efforts of the union to enhance their knowledge of their chosen trade. The different branches of the trade is explained by the lecturer and to more clearly impress upon the minds of the boys the many intricacies of the "art preservative" are illustrated by stereotyping views.

What a Union Man Can Do.

A union man can be dressed from head to foot in union made goods—for instance, union made hat, collar, necktie, shirt, underwear, suspenders, suit of clothes, gloves and shoes, and decorate himself with a union made watch. A union man can eat union made bread, drink union roasted coffee, and if he wants to, can drink union beer and whiskey and be served by union bartenders.

A union man can smoke union cigars, chew union tobacco, bought from union clerks, have union teamsters, have his house built by union mechanics, he can sleep on a union made bed, on a union made mattress, warm himself by a union made stove filled with union mined coal; can die a union man and be put away in a union made coffin in a union dug grave, ascend above, proud of his union record, and be forever at peace in membership with the angels' union.—Union Labor Advocate.

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SALE BLACK WORSTED DRESS GOODS.

SALE VALENCIENNES LACES AND INSERTIONS—SPECIAL PRICES. Every department crowded with summer merchandise of just the kind you most likely need. Interesting bargains you will like to share.

Trunks, Telescopes and Valise.

Special June Sale to-morrow—over stock causes reduction in prices.

Sale Clean and Cool Matting.

We have just received a car load at special prices, yard, 15 2-3c, 12-15c, 30c

New Style in Summer Neckwear.

All new, pretty effects, in lace and muslin; many 50c values for 25c

19c Artillery Cloth 12 1-2c Yd

Shrunken Artillery Cloth, looks like linen, wears just as well, when washed will not turn yellow.

Great Values in Summer Wash Goods.

Cotton Voile Melange, a new fabric for shirt waist suits, per yard 12 1/2c

Black Cheilan de Soie, regular price 25c, special 15c

25c Cotton Voile, the same as worsted designs, imported fabric, per yard 17c

25c White Oxford, with dots 10c

17c Crepe Cloth, white grounds, with black dot, per yard 6 1/4c

10c Batiste Lawn, all new designs in stripes and dots 6 1/4c

20c English Batiste 12 1/2c

25c Roboco Cloth, a new fabric, for shirt waist suits, mercerized.

Head Combs and Hair Brushes

Every lady ought to see our styles.

At 10c Side Combs worth 15c

At 25c Side Combs worth 50c

At 50c Gold and Jewel Side Combs

Back and Pompadour Combs at 25c, and in plain, fancy and jewel. Sale of Hair and Clothes Brushes at 25c, and worth double.

Parasols Were Never More Elegant Than This Year.

We've never had so many richly handsome, or gay colored, or exquisitely simple parasols before.

White China Silk Parasols, neat and plain, with natural wood handles, at \$1.00

White China Silk Parasols, with deep hemstitched border, natural wood handles, at \$1.25

Parasols of white and corded silk, neat and pretty, at \$1.40

Parasols of champagne silk, hemstitched border, natural wood handles, at \$1.98

Parasols of heavy quality taffeta, hemstitched border, in all colors, at \$2.25

Parasols in champagne pongee silk, embroidered with solid hemstitched borders, all colors, at \$2.98

Shirt Waist Suits Continue in Favor,

and no wonder, they are the freshest and coolest dress a woman can wear.

Ladies' White Batiste Shirt Waist Suits, made with latest style stole effect yokes, with plain flare skirt, very cool and neat, at \$3.50

Champagne Batiste Shirt Waist Suits, piped with black or white, plain flare skirt, at \$3.50

Madras and Pique Shirt-Waist Suits, trimmed with Hamburg bands or cluny lace, at \$5.00

Wrappers—They Are Comfortable to Wear

ABOUT THE HOUSE. YOU OUGHT TO SEE OUR STOCK.

Ladies' Percale Wrappers, made with yoke and ruffles over shoulder, trimmed with fancy headings, deep full ruffle around skirt, at \$1.00

Ladies' Madras and Lawn Wrappers, neatly made, dainty patterns, tucked yoke effect, trimmed with heading, full deep flounce on skirt, at \$1.25

Foundation Collars.

Silk Chiffon Collars, 10c

Featherbone Collars, 5c

Girdle Featherbone, 15c

Cool Summer Corsets.

Come and see them. We recommend the Thompson Glove Fitting Millant Corset, the kind that sells for \$1.00, special here for 75c

But for those who prefer to pay less we have several good styles Batiste Corsets that are worth 75c, for Monday's special 39c

Gloves.

A finer array of Summer Gloves than ours would be hard to find.

\$1.25 Elbow Silk Gloves, in black and white, special 75c

Double Finger Silk Gloves, black, white and all colors 50c

Stockings and Underwear—summer weights for men, women and children. Comfortable first of all, no skimping anywhere; nothing for show unless comfort and good wear are first.

Thin Shirtwaist.

Special values at 50c, to \$2.50